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22nd November 1962.

Mr James C. Meredith,  
c/- National Association for Advancement of Coloured People,  
20 West 40th Street, Manhattan,  
New York State,  
U. S. A.

Dear Mr Meredith,

In Australia we all very much admire the brave stand you have taken to keep up your studies in a "white" University. This is the only way to insist that all Americans, in the Deep South especially, share the same values of free and full education. Separate Universities would only perpetuate the unequal racial standards in the State educational system.

We realise here the terrible emotional strain which other students have imposed on you. It is a terrifying thing to feel that you are alone, in a hostile world. Mr Meredith - you are not alone. People in many other countries have the same values of education as you, and wish you every success.

Here in Australia, education is free, public and fully integrated. It is also compulsory for white people; social conditions such as seasonal employment prevent all Aboriginal children from attending school. Most Aboriginal children attend primary school in all States but one (Queensland), and some (admittedly a small minority) attend High school, or College. Aborigines ~~must~~ have the right to continue to University - nobody questions this - but it must be admitted that very few have reached it. The young people are just beginning to stretch out for Knowledge, and we hope this curiosity will seriously catch on with all the Aborigines.

We all wish you every success in your studies. We hope you have a good pass in the coming examinations.

Yours, on behalf of all the Executive and members of this Fellowship, of both Australian races -

J. Horner  
J. HORNER  
Hon. Secretary,

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